

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR OPENED

Opening of the Big Annual Event Under Good Auspices.

MANY COSTLY IMPROVEMENTS

Large Sums Expended in Improving Buildings and Grounds—Fair Will Eclipse Anything Ever Known in the Fair Line.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 28.—Saturday morning the fifty-first annual exposition of the Illinois State Fair association opened under most auspicious circumstances. During the past few months a total of \$290,000 has been expended in improving the buildings and beautifying the already beautiful grounds, and there is no doubt that the fair of 1903 will far eclipse anything Illinois has ever known in the fair line.

Among the improvements made were: Erection of woman's building at a cost of \$30,000; new dairy building, \$15,000; improvement to coliseum, \$30,000; annex to machinery hall, \$5,000; elaborate shed covering for all the walks, \$10,000; and miscellaneous improvements, over \$50,000. In addition to the total of \$150,000 improvements made by the agricultural board, the railroads entering the grounds made improvements in their terminal facilities aggregating \$50,000.

When the gates opened, Saturday, the scene presented was one of beauty and activity. Even with the increased exhibiting space within the buildings, it is entirely inadequate and there are hundreds of huge tents used for exhibits of agricultural implements, carriages, wagons and everything imaginable.

Work of installing exhibits began Wednesday under supervision of Secretary Garrard, and when this work was concluded Friday night there had been a transformation almost incredible. All past records have been broken in quality, quantity and variety of goods, stocks, machinery and farm products on exhibition. Concessionaries have been so numerous that some have been turned away. One man alone offered \$200 for a few feet in an obscure corner of the exposition hall.

The agricultural exhibits prove the success of the corn and wheat crops in Illinois. There is some corn shown ten feet high and monster yellow ears of corn ranging from ten to fifteen inches or more in length. These exhibits surpass anything ever seen in Illinois. Cattle, sheep, hogs and horses have filled the barns and stock pens and there is enthusiastic contest for the big prizes offered. The race entries are far more numerous than on any previous year, and the prizes much larger. The speed programme offers entertainment every day for eight days, the fair closing next Saturday, October 3.

Sunday a sacred concert was rendered by the watch factory band of 65 pieces, and Hon. George R. Wendling delivered a lecture on the "Man of Galilee."

The Springfield carnival will prove a big feature of the fair week. Thousands of dollars have been expended for attractions and the city is illuminated brilliantly with thousands of incandescent lights, strands of them miles in length running along the principal streets. The city is now in gala attire with carnival colors—yellow and green. Judging from the opening day, the attendance at the carnival and fair will double that of previous years.

CASHIER CONFESSES THEFTS.

Charleston (Ill.) Daily Official Admits Having Defrauded Other Concerns.

Charleston, Ill., Sept. 28.—A surprise was given the people of Charleston, Saturday, when it became known that Phil B. Davis, assistant cashier of the First National bank of this city, had confessed to "short-changing" the two other local banks in the list and footing up of checks which the banks cleared among themselves.

When these errors, which were done on an adding machine, were first discovered a week ago, suspicion fell on Cashier W. J. Kenny, and for publishing this suspicion Editor J. K. Kardin, of the Daily News was unmercifully whipped by Kenny. Several suits for damages are now in court as the outcome of Kenny's attack on Kardin.

But the confession of Davis and his making good the losses has cleared Mr. Kenny. A statement was given out by the First National officials, Saturday, setting forth the defalcation of Mr. Davis, and saying his resignation had been tendered and accepted.

P. S. EUSTIS CRITICALLY ILL.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager of the Burlington road, is critically ill with pneumonia at his home in Lagrange. He was convalescent, but last night had a relapse and his recovery is considered doubtful.

AN ENORMOUS BUILDING

Figures Relating to the Transportation Building at World's Fair.

It Covers Twenty-Three Acres, and in Its Construction 12,000,000 Feet of Lumber Is Being Used.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—Harry W. Schluter, the Chicago contractor who has charge of the construction of the Transportation building at the World's fair, says:

"I will have the roof over the Transportation building by October 1, as my contract calls for, and the building, exterior and interior, will be completed November 1."

Mr. Schluter has prepared some interesting statistics relative to the Transportation building. It will cover more acreage than any building in the world its area being 23 acres. It will be 1,500 feet in length and 325 feet in width, and the contract price \$962,000. It will contain 27 railroad tracks extending the entire length of the building.

In its construction 12,000,000 feet of lumber will be used. This is 4,000,000 feet in excess of the lumber that will be used in any other of the World's fair buildings.

In the construction the nails used will weigh over thirty tons. The piling, if stretched in a straight line, would measure 30 miles.

The bolts and rods used in the construction will weigh 11,000 tons.

The holes bored for bolts, rods and griff pins, if placed side by side, would reach from St. Louis to New York.

Mr. Schluter has the contract for building the Temple of Fraternity at the World's fair. He has many other interests in St. Louis.

"The St. Louis fair," said Mr. Schluter, "will far surpass the Chicago exposition. The St. Louis fair, in my opinion, will be greater than all the international expositions combined. The buildings will be larger and more substantial, and the exhibitions will be more complete."

"The fair officials are doing business on an extraordinary large scale. Why, when the specifications for the large buildings were first submitted to the contractors of the country the men who were endeavoring to get the work of construction were absolutely amazed."

"The specifications exceeded their expectations to such an extent that every contractor who entered into competition for the World's fair work had to throw away his estimates and begin all over."

"The size and substantial nature of the buildings contemplated by the fair officials were beyond the comprehension of the contractors."

QUAILS AS TRIAL NEARS.

Waterloo Grand Jury Takes Up Case of Slaying of William Brandt. Trial Will Be Pushed.

Waterloo, Ill., Sept. 29.—The trial of William A. Hoffmann will be the sensational feature of the September session of the circuit court, which opened here Monday. Hoffmann is the man who recently shot and killed his father-in-law, William Brandt, and made a sensational escape, being captured afterward near Belleville while asleep from exhaustion. The grand jury is considering his case.

Hoffmann killed Brandt on the evening of September 8 last. He went to the Brandt home and met his father-in-law as he came to the door to answer his knock, with a threat to shoot. "Oh, you've got a gun!" exclaimed Brandt, "but I guess you're not going to shoot me."

Hoffmann did not answer, but raised the gun and fired. The entire charge took effect in Brandt's chest, and he died instantly in his wife's arms. Hoffmann's desperate attempt to escape attracted the attention of the country, but he was captured within a week by Sheriff Thomas Ruch, who now has charge of the prisoner.

Hoffmann is kept in solitude in a cell at the county jail. He is very bitter and morose, and gives the jailers considerable worry. He declines to see anyone, and has apparently made no preparations for his defense, but gets more fidgety as his trial approaches.

PANIC CAUSED BY FIRE.

A Dozen Lives Were, For a Time, in Jeopardy, But All Escaped Injury.

New York, Sept. 29.—Fire early Monday morning in a five-story building at 237 Fifth avenue caused a panic among a dozen persons who were asleep there. The blaze started on the second floor and spread upwards so quickly that the inmates fled to the roof, from where they were able to reach the roof of the Reform club, next door. All escaped injury in this way, although much valuable property was left behind.

Several artists had quarters in the building and quite a number of valuable paintings undoubtedly were lost. Several canvases were carried out by their owners who left their clothing behind.

THE CHICAGO CENTENNIAL

Celebration of the Anniversary Begins and Will Last Six Days.

Tons of Red Fire Burned to Give an Imitation of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The centennial celebration of the founding of the city was formally opened, Saturday night, when a ton or two of red fire powder was burned on the street corners, in the attempt to give a realistic imitation of the great Chicago fire in 1871.

The conflagration was not exactly the success hoped for because of a heavy storm which prevailed throughout the time set for the burning of the red fire. The rain fell in torrents, the wind blew half a gale and nearly everybody save the man whose business it was to feed the red fire, sought shelter indoors. Between the high wind which blew half his powder away, and the rain that soaked the balance of it in 30 seconds, the red fire man had difficulties of his own. Notwithstanding all this, however, a vast amount of crimson blaze was produced and the result was fairly satisfactory.

A large number of Indians, descendants of tribes that formerly lived on the present site of the city, are encamped in Lincoln park, and will remain throughout the celebration, which is to last, with intervals of more or less intensity, until Thursday night. There are to be aquatic sports in Lincoln park, a parade, receptions to old settlers and banquets. The streets present a gala-day appearance, public buildings and business houses being elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, and many bearing pictorial reproductions of old Fort Dearborn and other historical buildings. Many thousands of guests have already arrived, among them 30 members of the Cleveland (O.) city council.

TO KIDNAP GOVERNOR'S CHILD

Unidentified Man Seizes Little Girl at Play in Front of Executive Mansion at Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 28.—An attempt was made last night to kidnap the eight-year-old daughter of Gov. Mickey.

While four of the governor's children were playing in front of the mansion an unidentified man came along and tried to carry the oldest girl away.

The other children clung to his clothes and screamed. The man was so badly frightened when he saw neighbors coming that he dropped the child and ran.

Gov. Mickey says that the warden of the penitentiary, Mr. Beemer, reported to him twice that a kidnapping attempt had been prophesied by convicts.

One convict said some time ago that such a plan had been formed as a way of getting revenge upon the governor for his refusal to interfere when William Ithea was hanged last summer for murder.

A convict who had been in the plot says a convict soon to be released has been assigned to kidnap one of the children to "teach the governor a lesson."

WAITING ROOSEVELT'S ACTION

No Move to Be Made Until President Indicates All Negotiations Are at an End.

Washington, Sept. 28.—A special agent for the Panama Canal Co., who has been in Washington for ten days in order to be on hand if news of the ratification of the canal treaty was received from Bogota, returned to New York Saturday night. It is believed the canal company will not take any action toward beginning work on the canal until after President Roosevelt has indicated to the company that all negotiations are at an end.

No fears are expressed by the canal company agents that the Nicaraguan route will ever be used as a canal competition with the Panama route. It is true that if the United States should build the canal on the more northern route, all American boats would use it but it is not believed it would be chosen by commerce.

PREPARING FOR CONGRESS

Instructions Have Been Issued to Have the Capitol Building Ready for the Special Session.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Superintendent Elliott Woods has been instructed to have the capitol building ready for a session of congress November 9.

The improvements will be ready. The house will have a new green and gold carpet. There are now 400 desks for members in the hall of the house. The new membership is 385, and 15 extra desks are supplied to preserve the symmetry in the arrangement of seats in the semi-circle.

The senate chamber will have the same green and gold floor covering as last year. The house side outshines the senate in improvements.

Elevating the Standard.
"So you are to have a high church wedding?" asks the friend of the beautiful woman who is to become a midsummer bride.
"Yes, indeed," she admits.
"It seems to be quite the fashion now," says the friend.
"Yes, but papa is determined that mine shall be a higher church wedding than any of the others."
"I thought that high church was high church, and that ended it."
"But papa has donated enough money to the congregation to allow them to build the spire 50 feet higher."—N. Y. Tribune.

Cheap Excursion to the South.

On Oct. 29th the Kansas City Southern Ry. (Port Arthur Route) will run a cheap excursion from Kansas City and all stations in Missouri and Kansas to Lake Charles, Shreveport, Beaumont and Port Arthur. The rate for the round trip will be \$15, limited to 21 days from date of sale, good to stop over on going trip at all points en route, provided final destination is reached inside of 15 days from date of sale. This exceptionally low rate, together with liberal stopover privileges allowed, should insure a great crowd, especially in view of the fact that this is the most delightful season of the year to visit the Southland. Similar low rates will probably be placed in effect from points north and east of Kansas City. Ask your ticket agent.

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His Failure.

"Do you know anything about flirting?"
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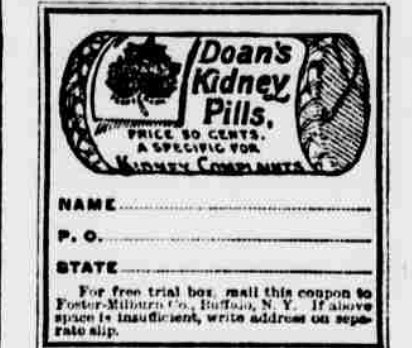
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